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## A TRAVESTY OF THE FACTS.

Mr. Henderson Answers Mr. Snowden.

## WHY TARIFF PREFERRED.

London, Yesterday. Mr. Arthur Henderson in a speech at Accrington described Mr. Snowden's charge as a "travesty of facts" and explained that Mr. Snowden was determined to cut down the dole. Mr. Henderson said he and others therefore considered a temporary tariff as the lesser evil. None of the signatories to the Labour Party manifesto had proposed a tariff.

Snowden's Scathing Comment.

London, Saturday. Mr. Philip Snowden, who hitherto has remained silent in the General Election campaign, dramatically entered the fray yesterday. He sent a letter to all candidates supporting the National Government, slushingly attacking the Labour leaders and

## GREAT INVENTOR PASSES AWAY

Thomas Alva Edison.

## LONG ILLNESS.

New York, Yesterday. The death occurred this morning at 3:24 o'clock of Thomas Alva Edison, the great American inventor, after a long illness. — Reuter's American Service.

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declaring:

"The very men who issued the Labour Party appeal against the tariffs proposed voted in the late Labour Cabinet for the immediate imposition of tariffs. The National Government is appealing to the whole country to show its condemnation of the cowardice and untrustworthiness of men who ran away from a national duty in the hour of crisis." — Reuter.

## M. BRIAND IS ALMOST OPTIMISTIC

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## ARTICLE II. KELLOGG PACT

## DISPUTANTS' ATTENTION DRAWN TO OBLIGATIONS.

Geneva, Yesterday.

It is understood that the British representatives at Tokyo and Nanking have been instructed to leave for Rome; it is possible to draw the attention verbally of the Chinese and Japanese Governments to Articles II of the Council's intervention in the Sino-Japanese conflict, but nothing is definitely known. As his visit to Berlin is fixed for Sunday he could remain at Geneva till Friday, thence going to Berlin direct. It is, however, hoped to finish the business of the present session on Wednesday.

Communications dealing with the Manchurian situation continue to pour in on the Secretariat.

## Japanese Explanation.

The Japanese delegation has circulated a long communication justifying the presence of their aeroplanes in Manchuria, in view of the increasing Chinese banditry and the constant menacing of Japanese nationals. It emphasises the genuine anxiety to avoid aggravating the situation.

The Japanese delegation has categorically denied the report that she has asked for the admission of Russia to the discussions.

## Draft Solutions.

Members of the League Council, except the Chinese and Japanese representatives, assembled at 11 a.m. to consider the formula for a solution of the Manchurian difficulty, which will be submitted to a public sitting to-morrow. Several drafts are under consideration.

## Obligations Under Kellogg Pact.

A communication drawing the attention of the Chinese and Japanese Governments to their obligations under the Kellogg Pact was despatched last night separately by each member of the League Council signatory to the pact, through diplomatic channels. Each communication was differently worded, though all were on the same lines.

The American observer acted in the same way.

## No Emergency Meeting.

The rumour of an emergency meeting of the Assembly is regarded in authoritative quarters as highly improbable. Nothing is known of any such step being contemplated.

The Council meeting, which was private, ended at 12:40 p.m.

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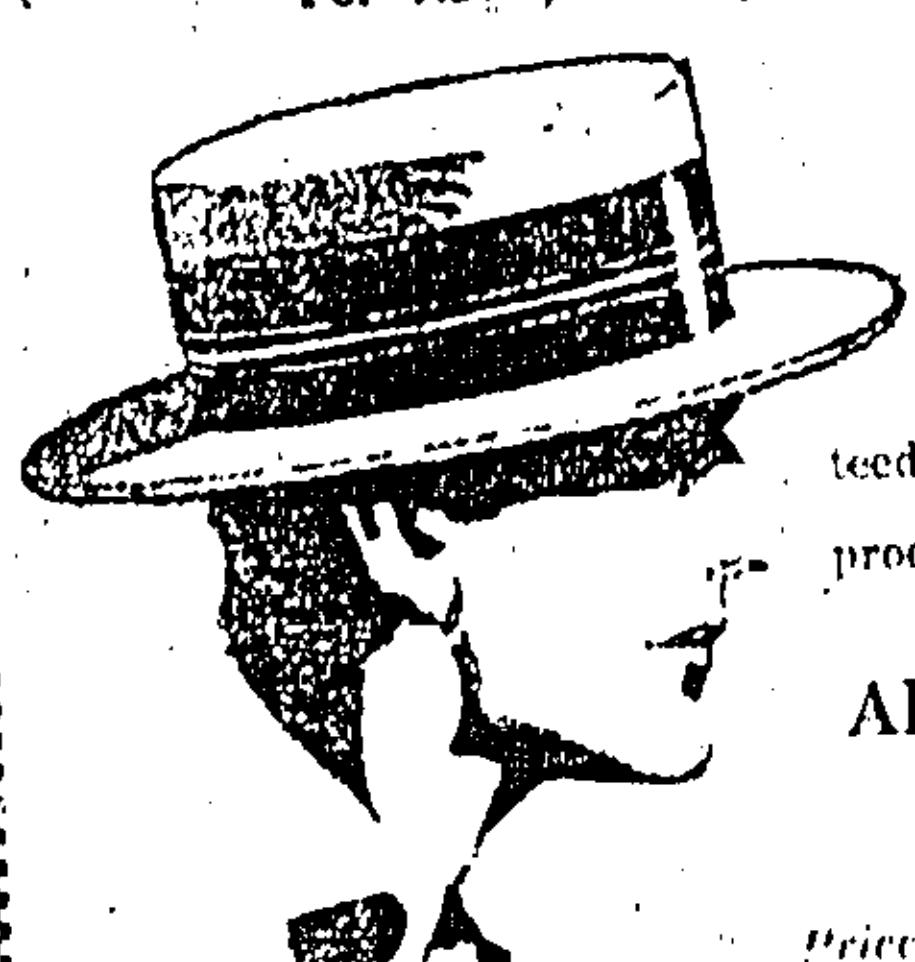
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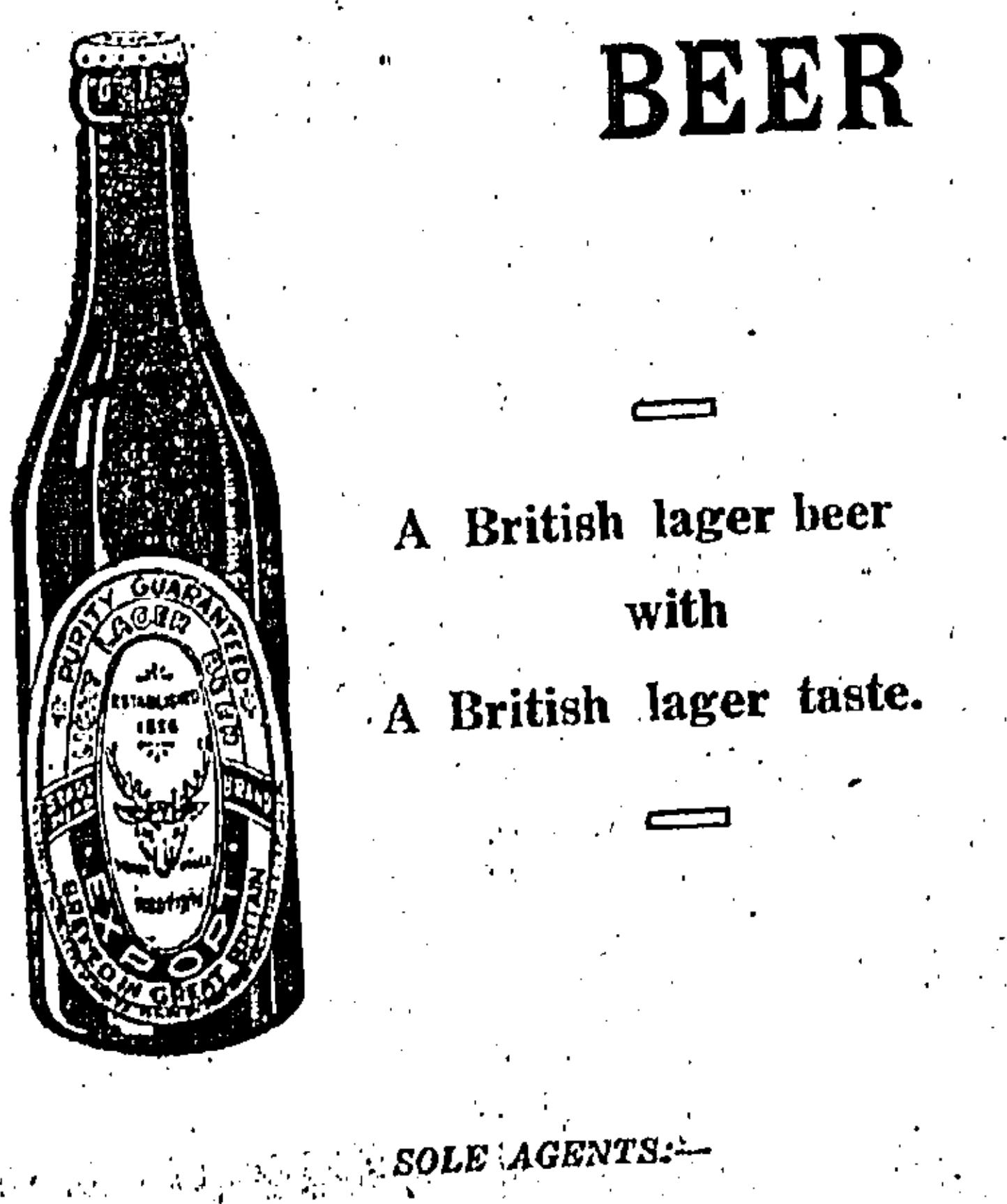
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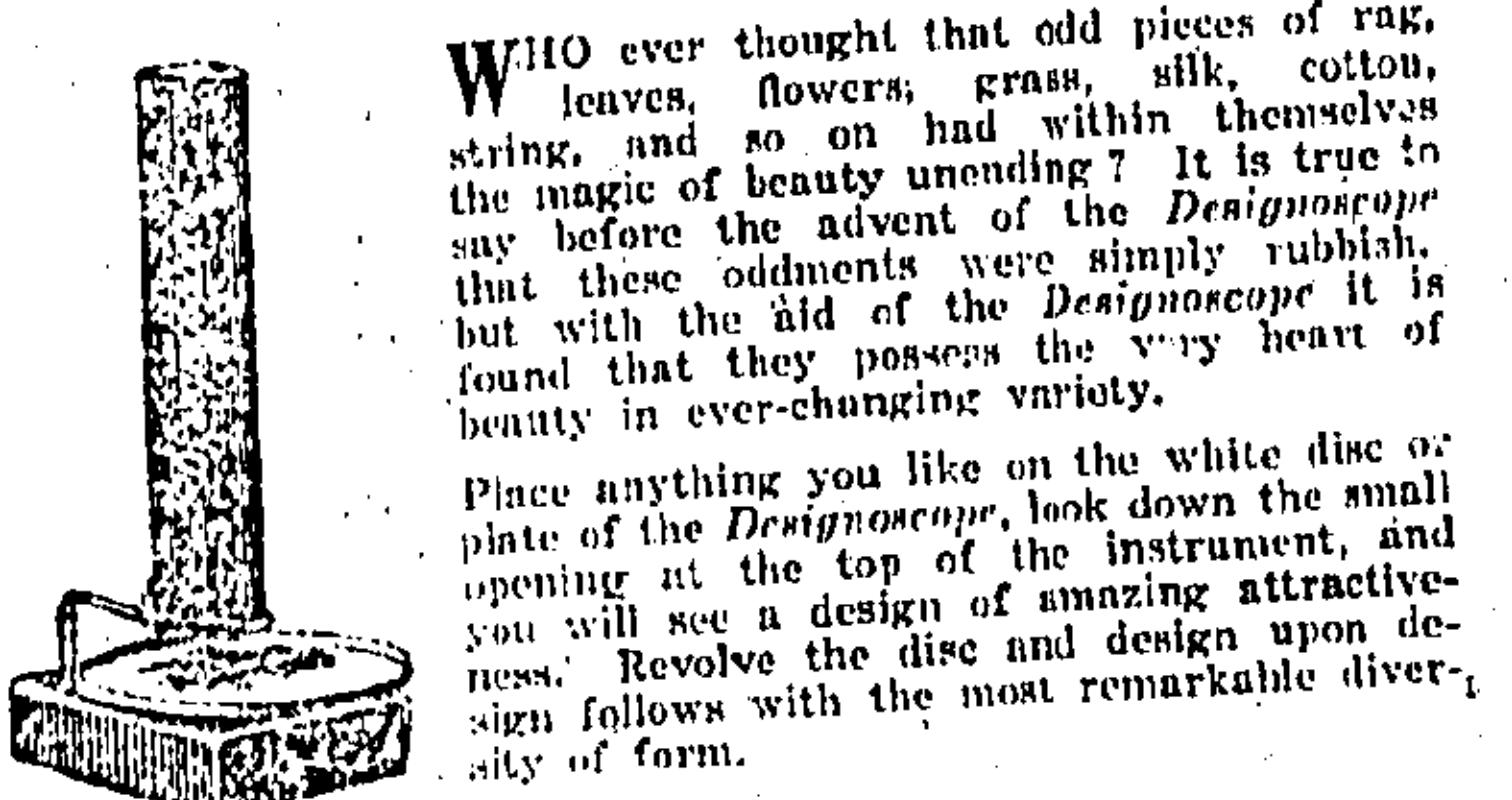
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### DEATH.

HAZELAND.—On October 5, 1931, at Sanderstead, Surrey, Francis Arthur Hazeland, aged 70 years.

ly. The record, however, is silent as to whether cassia buds or cassia bark is meant; in the latter case bakers and housewives are using more cinnamon than formerly to flavour their delicacies. Feathers have jumped up slightly—from 11,688 bales to 12,564, although the figure of two years ago was 14,531. Hides (not the thick type applicable to politicians and Government Departments) rose by a small extent from 398 bales last year to 1,450 bales this year. Preserves show the best figure for three years, the total this year being 69,866 cases or casks against only 38,729 last year and 45,385 in 1929. Young Britain is evidently developing a tasty tooth. A newcomer during the periods under review is rattanware and rattanware, 2,469 packages having been sent Home this year. It may be that the hundreds who have enjoyed or are enjoying a vacation in the Old Country have assumed the role of trade missionaries, extolling the numerous uses to which rattanware can be put. Raw silk jumped from 127 bales last year to 248 bales this year—only four bales more, however, than in 1929. For that common or garden sauce, soy, there is a greater demand, 2,522 casks being sent Home as compared with 1,829 at the corresponding date a year ago. Is this a menace to Worcester by consumers of fish? Worcester tea is likewise in greater favour; this year's export being 255 boxes as against only 54 last year. Another remarkable increase is shown in tin, 3,999 slabs having been exported. Last year there was not one and in the previous year the total was only 500. And 141,642 rolls of mats and matting ware were sent away, last year's total being 81,776.

Declines have been witnessed in a very few commodities. China ware has fallen from 1,117 cases to 1,063; minerals have declined from 14,556 packages to 7,228; whilst insignificant decreases are noted in essential oil, wood oil, and silk piece goods.

As we have already hinted, it would make a fascinating—and perhaps profitable—study to probe all these features to the bottom and ascertain the real

reasons underlying increases and decreases in the exports Home-ward from Hong Kong and Canton.

### News in Brief.

The lowest open air tempera-ture yesterday was 73 degrees. The humidity was 67 at 10 a.m. and 55 at 4 p.m.

The Commodore formally denies that an order has been received for the British Fleet, at present in the H.M. Ships in Northern waters, North, to concentrate at Woosung, Shanghai. All movements of H.M. Ships in Northern waters are being carried out according to the normal pro-gramme, with the exception of H.M.S. Hermes, remaining at Shanghai for the present.

### THREE KOWLOON FIRES.

### Shop Proprietor Held Pending Inquiry.

### TWO JUNKS ABLAZE.

Very early this morning a call was received from Yaumati for assistance in connection with a fire which had broken out on two junks anchored inside the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter. Neither of the vessels was laden, and were only occupied by a caretaker. Both were severely damaged. More and more British junks were severely damaged. They are the property of the Kwong Sun Firm of Connaught Road. Two fire floats and three engines attended.

A quantity of shavings in a block of buildings under erection at Hankow Road caught alight this morning. The Brigade was summoned, but the fire was extinguished with buckets of water. Damage amounting to \$10 was caused.

### SUNDAY MORNING FIRE.

### Shop Proprietor Detained.

As a sequel to the fire which broke out on Sunday morning in premises at No. 83, Reclamator Stræ, Yaumati, occupied by the Tsin Pai firm of tailors, Lam Choi, the proprietor of the shop, was detained pending further inquiries. The fire broke out on the ground floor which was completely gutted. The upper floors suffered but slightly from smoke damage.

A curious feature of the affair is that the proprietor of the shop that he had been the victim of armed robbers, and that they had also attempted to burn down his shop. The shop, it is alleged, was found to be almost devoid of stock when the Police investigated the scene. The stock in trade is said to be covered by insurance for \$3,000.

### LESSON SERMON.

### First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hong Kong.

"Doctrine of atonement was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, October 18.

The Golden Text was—"John

sateth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God,

which taketh away the sin of the

world" (John 1: 29).

Among the citations which com-

prised the Lesson-Sermon was the

following from the Bible—"For

God so loved the world, that he

gave his only begotten Son, that

whosoever believeth in him should

not perish, but have everlasting

life. For God sent not his Son

into the world to condemn the

world; but that the world through

him might be saved" (John 3: 16, 17.)

The Lesson-Sermon also includ-

ed the following passage from the

Christian Science textbook,

Science and Health, with Key to the

Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy,

"Atonement is the exemplification

of man's unity with God, whereby

man reflects divine Truth, Life,

and Love. Jesus of Nazareth taught

and demonstrated man's oneness

with the Father, and for this we

owe him endless homage. His

mision was both individual and

collective. He did life's work

right not only in Justice to him-

self, but in mercy to mortals—to

show them how to do theirs, but not

to do it for them nor to relieve

them of a single responsibility."

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### ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.

### What Mail Reviewers Say.

### THE HOUSE OF THE ARROW.

There surely are few who have not read A. E. W. Mason's "Mystery Thriller," which first appeared in several form in Nash's Magazine, and who were not held by it. They will find it has lost nothing of interest and fascination in the course of its adaptation as a "talkie"—British talkie of high merit, now showing at King's Theatre.

Leslie Hiscott has handled the story admirably, the production all round is good, and the acting is of a very high order indeed. The screen projection and sound reproduction leave little to be desired. To sum up, it is distinctly a real good British picture, fully testifying to the progress that is being made in British filmland.

Dennis Neilson-Terry, as the French detective, Hanau, scores a distinct success. His characterisation is most convincing, and only

highest distinction that can come to a screen production.

In his most recent production, however, Ford said to have eclipsed all previous records for distinctive and unusual talkies. "Men Without Women," which is the feature attraction of the Central Theatre beginning from yesterday, is not only a vivid and realistic portrayal of the submarine service and its heroes, but in many respects is said to be one of the most remarkable achievements of the speaking screen.

James K. McGuinness, Fox Movietone associate producer who was associated with the director of his previous successes, collaborated with him in writing the original story.

Kenneth MacKenna, former Broadway favourite, has the principal role in this notable production

### "6 CYLINDER LOVE."

Holder of an unquestioned position in New York society, a law student, a newspaper woman, and a fashion writer, a gown model, a distinct success. His characterisation is most convincing, and only

not at all exaggerated. Penita Hume, as Betty Hurlow, and Stella Fox, as Ann Upcott, are great successes also; while Richard Dark, slender and with a charming personality, Miss Fox is assured of a brilliant place in the film world. Step up is her featured part in the Fox comedy, "6 Cylinder Love," which will be shown at the King's Theatre on Wednesday.

Miss Fox put herself through a law course at Columbia University, but subsequently abandoned this profession to enter newspaper work, and also modelled gowns for a Fifth Avenue shop.

After playing a featured role in "One Romantic Night," Alexandra Prince Albert, Rod La Roque borrowed by Fox for "6 Cylinder Love,"

Dr. Nicholas Haller, Conrad Nagel, Princess Beatrice, Marie Dressler, Spencer Tracy and Edward

Father Benedict, O. P. Heggie, Everett Horton are also featured, Count Lutzen, Albert Conti while El Brendel, William Collier, Colonel Wunderlich, Edgar Norton Sen., and Una Merkel are in the Symphoros.

George Phillippe De Lacy, Byron Sage, Barbara Leonard, Mitzi, Directed by Paul L. Stein.

It was a lucky thing for Frederic a clever skit in the whims and burlesque of royalty, with a material theme running through, is portrayed in "Eyes of the World," the inspiration in the splendid talkie production United Artists' picture company on "One Romantic Night" now playing to the Queen's Theatre on the Queen's Theatre. It is Thursday, he portrays the part of Lillian Gish's first and only (?) novelist and rattling a mean type talkie up to the present. What a writer is as much a necessity in the family, for Miss Gish is possessed of a fine, clear voice, and should be a successful talkie actress.

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Members will report for duty in accordance with the orders issued by the Officer Commanding Units.

Chinese Company.

Part II.—Training Course.—All recruits will report at the Chinese Company's Headquarters, Queen's Road Central to-morrow at 5.30 p.m. for instruction.

Squad Drill.—All recruits of the Chinese Company will attend at Central Police Station for Squad Drill on Thursday, at 5.30 p.m. (Sgt.) D. L. King, D.S.P. (R.)

To-day's Thought.

No life is complete unless there are shadows to bring out the glorious sunshine.

Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of October 19, 1921.)

To-day's dollar is worth 2/9 %.

A Chinese was charged before Magistrate Orme this morning, at the instance of Sub-Inspector Lanagan, with the unlawful possession of 17 forged one-pataf notes of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, Saigon.

The accused admitted possession of the notes but denied that he knew they were forgeries. He said that he had won them at gambling. The Magistrate remanded the case until Friday to take evidence with a view to committing the accused to the Criminal Sessions.

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

## CRAIGENGOWER AT HOME.

## CHILDREN'S SPORTS AT STONECUTTERS.

## Mrs. Kharas Gives Away the Prizes.

## CHILDREN'S SPORTS.

Craigengower Cricket Club held an "At Home" yesterday for its members and their friends, on the occasion of the annual sports for children, and the distribution of prizes in connection with competitions during the year. There was a large gathering and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent by all.

Mrs. D. K. Kharas gave away the prizes, and in expressing thanks on behalf of his wife Mr. Kharas thanked the officials and sports committee for the enjoyable time spent that afternoon.

The following were the results of the races:

Boys' Race, 7 years and under.—1st, F. Alves; 2nd, P. Gilbert.

Girls' Race, 7 years and under.—1st, B. Becker; 2nd, M. Alves.

Three Legged Race.—1st, E. Zimmerman and E. S. Howard; 2nd, W. J. Howard and F. Broadbridge.

Boys' and Girls' Race, 7 years and under.—1st, M. Alves; 2nd, B. Becker; 3rd, J. Anderson; 4th, B. Nagel.

Lawn Bowls Test.—1st, G. Buchanan; 2nd, A. Kitchell.

Egg and Spoon Race for Ladies.—1st, Mrs. B. Gill; 2nd, Miss Reynolds.

Boys' Race, 7 to 10 years.—1st, F. Alves; 2nd, R. Resselet; 3rd, M. Sayer.

Girls' Race 7 to 10 years.—1st, D. Frith; 2nd, M. Becker; 3rd, R. Anderson.

Boot Race.—1st, F. Broadbridge; 2nd, A. E. Coates.

Veterans' Race, over 40 years.—1st, W. Allen; 2nd, A. N. Reynolds.

Prizes in connection with the year's sports competitions were also presented.

## AQUATIC SPORTS OF BOYS SCOUTS.

## Four Records Smashed at the V.R.C.

The following were the results of the annual swimming sports of the Hong Kong Branch of the Boy Scouts' Association which were held in the V.R.C. bath on Saturday afternoon.

25 yards Junior Wolf Cub Race:—1, D. Wilson (14th Pack); 2, W. Ortepp (Peak Pack). Time: 20 secs.

50 yards Senior Championship (Record by S. V. Gittins, 1926, 27.2/5 secs.):—1, R. Chan (Sea Scouts); 2, Chan Siu-kam (7th H.K.); 3, R. Wood (Sea Scouts). Time: 28.2/5 secs.

25 yards Senior Wolf Cub Race (Record by J. McCubbin, 1924, 16.4/5 secs.):—1, A. Dalziel (9th Kowloon); 2, C. Haslam (4th H.K. Pack). Time: 19 secs.

50 yards Junior Backstroke (Record by A. McCubbin, 1927, 44.2/5 secs.):—1, Lau Ping-pui (4th Kowloon); 2, Kung Chi-ping (7th H.K.); 3, R. Sadler (4th H.K.). Time: 39 secs. (Record).

Wolf Cub Inter-Pack Relay Race:—1, 14th H.K. Pack; 2, 11th H.K. Pack. Time: 1 min. 34 secs.

100 yards Senior Championship (Record by A. May, 1922, 70 secs.):—1, R. Chan (Sea Scouts); 2, A. Rozai (1st H.K.). Time: 70 secs. (Record equalled).

Junior Scouts and Wolf Cub Diving:—(Scouts) 1, Chan Kai-him (4th Kowloon); 2, A. McKenzie (Kowloon Scottish); 3, P. Birmingham (4th Kowloon); (Cubs) 1, R. McLeod (4th Pack); 2, T. Lack (11th Pack).

Life Saving Race:—1, R. Chan (Sea Scouts); 2, Young Tsun-chung (5th H.K.).

50 yards Junior Championship (Record by A. McCubbin, 1927, 33 secs.):—1, Lau Ping-pui (4th Kowloon); 2, Chan Kai-him (4th Kowloon); 3, R. Silva (1st H.K.). Time: 32 secs. (Record).

Scouts, Cubbers and Rovers Race (60 yards):—1, Asst. C.M. S. Dalziel (9th Kowloon Pack); 2, C.M. M. D. White (1st Kowloon Pack).

50 yards Senior backstroke (Record by Chau Sui-kam, 1930, 50 secs.):—1, Chau Sui-kam (7th H.K.); 2, R. Chan (Sea Scouts); 3, Ho Kwok-ching (4th Kowloon). Time: 37.1/5 secs. (Record).

Senior Diving:—1, J. Sharpham (Sea Scouts); 2, F. McNeillie (Takko Scottish); 3, Yu Shui-woon (Sea Scouts).

Rover Scouts 100 yards breaststroke:—1, Rover Scout Li Sui-sing (2nd H.K. crew); 2, Rover Scout H. Wong (80th H.K. crew). Time: 1 min. 39.4/5 secs.

## Naval Dockyard Meeting.

## GREAT INVENTOR PASSES AWAY.

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The following were the results of the Naval Dock Yard Sports which were held at Stonecutter's Island on Saturday afternoon under ideal conditions.

Mixed Flat Race. (Ages 3 to 6):—1, Jean Robinson; 2, Derek House; 3, Joan Wicker.

Girls' Flat Race. (Ages 7 to 10):—1, Ima Palmer; 2, Jean London; 3, Stella Wicker.

Boys' Flat Race. (Ages 7 to 10):—1, Fred Jones; 2, Francis Cribb; 3, Allan Fancey.

Girls' Flat Race. (Ages 11 to 14):—1, Maureen Rumsby; 2, Pat Langmead.

Boys' Flat Race. (Ages 11 to 14):—1, Douglas Summons; 2, Vernon Tollervey; 3, Raymond Palmer.

Threading the Needle. (Girls, ages 11 to 14):—1, Pat Langmead; 2, Maureen Rumsby.

Threading the Needle. (Boys, ages 11 to 14):—1, Peter Wilson; 2, Raymond Palmer; 3, Vernon Tollervey.

Mixed Relay Race. (Ages 7 to 10):—1, Betty Penny and Norman Self; 2, Barbara Davey and Brian Baldwin.

Mixed Skipping Competition. (Ages 7 to 14):—1, Raymond Palmer; 2, Maureen Rumsby; 3, Myra Robinson.

Potato and Bucket Race. (Under 10 years):—1, Norman Self; 2, Annie Palmer; 3, Stella Wicker.

Girls' Sack Race. (Ages 10 to 14):—1, Myra Robinson; 2, Pat Langmead.

Boys' Sack Race. (Ages 10 to 14):—1, Ronald Egan; 2, Douglas Summons; 3, Phillip Egan.

## Y.M.C.A. TEAM PLAY TWO MATCHES.

## Radio Sports Lose to Jat Regt.

## The Great American Inventor.

kind of mind that is called versatile, that can easily turn from one thing to another. He had not learned, however, that it is necessary for a man with a versatile mind to learn to do one thing thoroughly before he turns to another, and so he was not successful.

Edison was a quiet, thoughtful little boy, but very inquisitive and always wanted to know how things were done. He was not very strong, and was not sent to school until he was quite a big child. When he did go, his teacher, who does not seem to have been very wise, thought him stupid because he asked so many questions. So his mother, who had herself been a teacher, took him away from school after two months and taught him at home.

With so kind and loving a teacher, he made rapid progress; and above all, he learned to think.

His mother had some good books and at the end of two hours, work which he learned to enjoy; and in the office was going on as if nothing had happened. Edison was read Gibbon's *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Hume's at a salary of three hundred dollars a month, and began to study an encyclopedia.

Probably from the encyclopedia that he first learned to take an interest in chemistry. By this time, his parents, who had moved him to Port Huron, Michigan, were able to indulge him in his love for making experiments, so he bought some books, made a little laboratory in the cellar of his home, and there laid the foundation of his knowledge of chemistry.

When he was twelve years old, he decided to start out in life for himself and became a newsboy on the train which ran from Port Huron to Detroit.

Such a newsboy had never been seen before. He was given a corner in the baggage car on which to keep his stock of newspapers, magazines and candy. To this corner he moved his little laboratory and library of chemical books, and when he was not engaged in his business, went on with his experiments. Still time hung heavy on his hands, and to fill it

up, he bought a printing press and published on the train a weekly newspaper filled with local news, stories of things that happened on the railway and notes of the markets.

All went well for two or three years. But when he was in his sixteenth year, one day a phosphorus bottle was jarred off one of his shelves and broke on the floor. It set fire to the baggage car, and in his anger at the fanger to his train, the conductor not only put the boy off the train, but soundly boxed his ears. That was the most unfortunate part of the accident, for as a result of the boxing Edison gradually lost his hearing, and became almost totally deaf.

His stock was lost, but an act of great bravery on his part brought to his aid a new resource, and opened up a new field for him to work in.

He was standing one day on the platform of the station at Clemons in Michigan, watching a train come in, when he saw the station agent's little boy on the track right in front of the oncoming train.

Another moment and the child would have been crushed; but Edison sprang to the track, seized the little one in his arms, and rolled with him to one side, just in time to escape the wheels.

To show his gratitude the baby's father offered to teach telegraphy to Edison. The offer was gratefully accepted, and now that his career as a newsboy had closed, he turned to his new accomplishment as a means of making a living.

He worked at telegraphy for some years, first in Port Huron in Michigan, then at Stratford, Canada, and a little later in the Western States, and finally in Boston, while at the same time he spent all his spare moments in the study of chemistry and electricity, and in experimenting on improved telegraph apparatus.

It was during these years that he first turned his attention to duplex telegraphy, but through no fault of his own, he was unable to sell his invention, and the matter dropped for a time.

In 1869, when he was in his twenty-second year, he went to New York. He arrived penniless in the city; but he was a good telegraph operator, and was fearless of the future. And now a strange thing happened. He applied to the Gold and Stock Telegraph Company for work, and while he was waiting for

a reply, part of the apparatus broke down.

No one knew what was the matter, and everything was in confusion, until Edison said he could set the machine at work again. Per

his mother had some good books and at the end of two hours, work which he learned to enjoy; and in the office was going on as if nothing had happened. Edison was read Gibbon's *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Hume's at a salary of three hundred dollars a month, and began to study an encyclopedia.

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Once his work on the incandescent lamp was on the way to success, Edison turned his attention to another great project, that of driving railway trains by electricity. He was not the first man in this field, but his work aroused interest in it, and his inventions were largely used. Now we come to the moving pictures, where again Edison took up an idea which others had had before him.

While it cannot be said that he invented the moving pictures, the invention on which the moving pictures are based is his.

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After the Great War commenced he found himself in danger of being cut off from his supply of carbolic acid for his factories at St. Lawrence, New Jersey, so he devised a way of making it for himself, and also for making the benzol from which the carbolic acid is produced.

At any rate, he was the first to make an instrument which would work, and even he did not know that it would work until he heard it repeat the words that he had shouted into it.

He says himself that when he put the reproducer in place and the instrument shouted back to him the words "Mary had a little lamb" he was never taken

aback in his life.

Edison patented his invention, which from the first excited the wonder of the world. Of course, like all first things, it was crude, and the sounds that it gave

back were harsh. For the time, he had to lay it aside, for other work pressed, but others took it up, and from

his parent's idea the gramophone, dictaphone and other instruments were invented. Later on when he had more leisure, he commenced work on it again, and worked out

## SHADOWS BEFORE

## COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

## Social Functions.

To-day—Peninsula Hotel "Rose" Room, entertainment by Les Dejehans and William Rimels.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.

To-night—Dance at Cheero, Y.M.C.A.

Wednesday—Repulse Bay, entertainment by Les Dejehans and William Rimels.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre:

"The House of the Arrow."

To-day—Queen's Theatre:

"One Romantic Night."

To-day—Central Theatre:

"Men Without Women."

To-day—Majestic Theatre:

"The Silent Enemy."

To-day—Star Theatre:

"In Gay Madrid."

To-day—World Theatre:

"Gold Rush."

November 14—Theatre Royal; opening performance of Hong Kong A.D.C.'s production of "Dear Brutus."

## Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Duisburg).

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Pilana) 4:30 p.m.

Thursday—Inward from Europe via Suez (Macedonia); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Empress of Russia), 6 p.m.

## Miscellaneous.

Wednesday—Navy League Ceremony at Cenotaph, 11 a.m.

October 23—Promenade Concert (H.K.V.D.C.), Kowloon Cricket Club, 9:15 p.m.



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SEATTLE, VANCOUVER via Shanghai & Japan Ports.

HIYE MARU ..... Tuesday, 3rd November.

HEIAN MARU ..... Tuesday, 10th November.

LONGON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via

Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Suez.

KATORI MARU ..... Saturday, 31st October.

KASHIMA MARU ..... Saturday, 14th November.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

KAMO MARU ..... Saturday, 24th October.

KITANO MARU ..... Saturday, 21st November.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.

† GENOA MARU ..... Monday, 26th October.

† TOKUSHIMA MARU ..... Friday, 30th October.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,

Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

† GINYO MARU ..... Tuesday, 29th November.

NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.

† TSUYAMA MARU ..... Wednesday, 11th November.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stamboul (Constantinople), Genoa & Marseilles.

† TOYOOKA MARU ..... Friday, 13th November.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

† MALACCA MARU ..... Saturday, 7th November.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

† RANGOON MARU (Moji direct) ..... Monday, 10th October.

† DAKAR MARU ..... Thursday, 22nd October.

YASUKUNI MARU ..... Wednesday, 28th October.

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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via	Rio de Janeiro Maru	Thurs.,	5th Nov.
Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.			
MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPE TOWN	Arabia Maru	Wed.,	6th Nov.
THENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore & Colombo.			
BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila.	Melbourne Maru	Fri.,	6th Nov.
JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Honolulu Maru	Thurs.,	22nd Oct.
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	London Maru	Sun.,	8th Nov.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct in Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Tokai Maru	Fri.,	23rd Oct.
BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Colombo.	Borneo Maru	Mon.,	19th Oct.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Rangoon.	Celebes Maru	Tue.,	3rd Nov.
HAIPHONG via Hoi-poo & Paknol (Forthnightly).	Himalaya Maru	Sun.,	1st Nov.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Menado Maru	Sun.,	25th Oct.
JAPAN PORTS via Keelung TAKAO via Swatow, & Amoy (Forthnightly).	Canton Maru	Sun.,	25th Oct.
Deli Maru	Thurs.,	22nd Oct.	

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SAILING DATES FOR OCT. 1931 (Subject to Change).

DEPARTURE HOURS: Hong Kong 5.30 p.m., Wuchow 3 p.m.

Steamer.	Leaves Hong Kong	Arrives Wuchow	Leaves Wuchow	Arrives Hong Kong
TAI HING	TUES. 20th	THURS. 22nd	FRI. 23rd	SAT. 24th
TAI MING	THURS. 22nd	SAT. 24th	SUN. 25th	MON. 26th
TAI HING	MON. 26th	WED. 28th	THURS. 29th	FRI. 30th
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## PASSENGER LIST.

Eugene Mende, F. Millar, Hon. Maximino Noel, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Rodgers, M. Rodriguez, F. Varona.

### ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. President Madison from Manila, October 17.

Hon. Setra Baluyut, Hon.

Marcelo Boncán, A. Bonfacio, E. Bougon, F. Buencamino,

H. M. Cavender, Zolio Hilario, Coferino Hilario, Mr. and Mrs.

John Kempe, Capt. E. A. Manthey,

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. Carignano are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after October 22.

### CONSIGNEES' NOTICE



## WATER LEVELS.

### Details for West, North and East Rivers.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:

	Oct.	Oct.
West River at Shiuhsing	5.0	5.3
North River at Samshui	5.6	5.5
North River at Tsingyuen	4.9	4.6
East River at Sheklung	2.1	2.5

The highest levels recorded are:—Shiuhsing, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Sheklung, 15.5 feet.

The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Sheklung.

## ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Friday, October 16. Apoey, British str., 1,776 tons, Capt. C. Boyce, from Hoi-hoo, Yau-mati.—Sze Wai ss Co.

Kumisang, British str., 3,341 tons, Captain J. H. Ferguson, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Malayan Prince, British str., 3,874 tons, Capt. J. Hallaway, from Shanghai, buoy No. A9.—Furness (Far-East), Ltd.

Chakang, British str., 1,470 tons, Capt. J. McAnish, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Cheongshing, British str., 1,256 tons, Capt. D. G. Burleigh, from Canton, buoy No. B1.—J. M. & Co.

City of Elwood, British str., 3,822 tons, Capt. Adam, from Manila, buoy No. A15.—Bank Line.

Corona, Norwegian str., 1,953 tons, Capt. O. M. Kleite, from Chin-wantao, buoy No. B27.—Doddwell & Co.

Derflinger, German str., 5,027 tons, Capt. T. Thele, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Melchers & Co.

Feng Lee, Chinese str., 1,269 tons, Capt. Y. Yamaji, from Canton, buoy No. C1.—Loong Tai Hong.

Havana Maru, Japanese str., 3,450 tons, Capt. R. Yamanori, from Sakito, buoy No. A8.—O.S.K.

Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Captain P. W. Grierson, from Swatow, Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu On S.S. Co.

Nanning, British str., 1,485 tons, Captain J. S. Anderson, from Swatow, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.

Ninghai, British str., 1,482 tons, Capt. W. J. King, from Canton, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

President Madison, American str., 8,341 tons, Capt. R. J. Healy, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—A.M.L.

President Van Buren, American str., Capt. H. S. Bauer, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line.

Sinkiang, British str., 1,616 tons, Capt. F. Gibbs, from Swatow, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Solen, British str., 3,385 tons, Capt. G. C. Howe, from Palikpapan, North Point.—A.P.C.

Sunghsan Maru, Japanese str., 1,503 tons, Capt. M. Yamamoto, from Swatow, Yau-mati.—N.Y.K.

Tai Yin, Norwegian str., 3,890 tons, Capt. E. Biljnens, from Manila, buoy No. A11.—Doddwell & Co.

Tjialank, Dutch str., 5,785 tons, Capt. P. Meerman, from Manila, buoy No. A1.—J.C.J.L.

Yuan Lee, Chinese str., 1,661 tons, Capt. A. Kraukle, from Swatow, buoy No. B17.—Yuen Seng Fat.

Sunday, October 18. Hellas, Norwegian str., 1,114 tons, Capt. J. Davidson, from Swatow, via ports on October 23 (Fri.) at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on October 21 (Wed.) at 8 a.m. She leaves Hong Kong for Vancouver via

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ALIPORE	5,300	4th Nov.	Strads, Colombo, Bombay & Karachi.
NALDEJA	10,000	7th Nov.	Bombay, Masselles & London.
KASHGAR	9,000	21st Nov.	Masselles, London, Rotterdam, Ant- werp & Hull.
HAIJPUTANA	17,000	5th Dec.	Masselles & London.
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TALMA	10,000	1931. 23rd Oct.	Amoy, S'hal, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MACEDONIA	11,000	23rd Oct.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KIDDERPORE	6,300	30th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
KHIVA	9,000	1st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
TANDA	7,000	6th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
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HAIJPUTANA	17,000	6th Nov.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SOMALI	6,800	14th Nov.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
BIRDHANA	8,000	20th Nov.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
CORFU	15,000	20th Nov.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KHYBER	9,000	28th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe.
TILAWA	10,000	4th Dec.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	4th Dec.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NANKIN	7,000	7th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
SANTHIA	8,000	18th Dec.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KARMAALA	9,000	18th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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## FIRES IN SHIPS.

### More Able Appliances Required for Vessels.

Although the full extent of the damage arising from the recent fire on board the motor liner Bermuda may not be known until final survey is held following her arrival in Britain, it is apparent from the reports that most of the superstructure decks and accommodation is involved that the claim on underwriters will be heavy. Following as it does the fires on board the Norddeutscher Lloyd Europa and the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique Paris, the Bermuda fire serves as a reminder that the risk of fire on these costly passenger liners is something which, so far, modern science has apparently been unable to eliminate.

A feature which is common to these three major casualties is that each ship was lying in port at the time of the outbreak of fire, a circumstance which was fortunate from the passenger standpoint. This circumstance may also be capable of another interpretation, and that is that the risk of fire on board a passenger liner when at sea and with the various branches of the personnel on active watch-keeping or other routine duty is less than when the ship is lying in port.

#### Hard to Establish.

In the latter condition, although there are usually watchmen posted on duty night and day, the general atmosphere, with the strain of the voyage over and discipline to a certain degree relaxed, is less strict, and control is made correspondingly more difficult from the fact that not infrequently there are numbers of ship-repairers' and their sub-contractors' workmen on board. Owing to the extensive destruction which follows such fires, it is usually impossible by

a subsequent investigation to establish the source of origin or cause of the outbreak, and thus valuable data for future precautionary measures are lost.

In large passenger liners, unless the source of the fire is immediately detected and dealt with, the presence of so much dry wood in the shape of separation bulkheads, etc., between cabins, cloth curtains and other materials readily inflammable, is such that the conflagration very quickly spreads to a magnitude beyond the capacity of the most elaborate fire-fighting appliances to subdue.

What appears to be an immediate necessity is the provision of more efficient methods of fire detection, incorporating an automatic alarm, and of better means of confining the outbreak within the limits of subdivided sections or compartments of the ship in much the same way as flooding subdivision is now regulated.

Fire and flooding hazards are, of course, almost as widely different as dynamics and statics, and it is manifestly a simpler problem to arrest the spread of flooding by suitable watertight bulkheads than it is to check or isolate the progress of fire.

#### Non-Inflammable Material.

That there are possibilities in the latter direction, however, is apparent from the efforts which are being made in Great Britain and elsewhere to produce a non-inflammable material as a substitute for wood in the construction of cabin bulkheads, partitions and doors. It is now claimed that a process has been perfected whereby ordinary wood can be impregnated against fire, and such a material has proved itself on test capable of greater fire-resisting properties than ordinary steel.

The recurrence of heavy fire damage claims, such as those herein described, is a very serious matter for underwriters, and no less for the owners of such ships, since for the latter the loss of revenue at the height of the passenger and tourist season is not recoverable. There is a growing feeling, particularly in insurance circles, that the time has arrived when concerted action should be taken with a view to the provision of more efficient and more adequate fire-resisting fire-detecting and fire-fighting appliances and arrangements on board costly passenger liners, and also, where necessary, that more stringent regulations should be drawn up for the guidance of ship's personnel so that the latter may be encouraged to exercise the greatest possible care both when on and off duty.

## HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E. 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (\*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

October 19 to 26, 1931.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
October	Standard Times	Standard Times
Mon. 19	11. M. 01 40	F. 7.1 10 46
Tues. 20	02 48	11 43
Wed. 21	04 39	22 41
Thurs. 22	06 13	12 34
Fri. 23	07 05	00 01
Sat. 24	07 55	13 08
Sun. 25	08 31	02 20

## STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The Ben Line's s.s. Benrinnies from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Manila is due to arrive here on October 26.

The P. & O. a.s. Macedonia left Singapore for this port on October 18 at 6 a.m. with the outward Home Mails, and is due here on October 23 at about 6 a.m.

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## CONSIGNEES.

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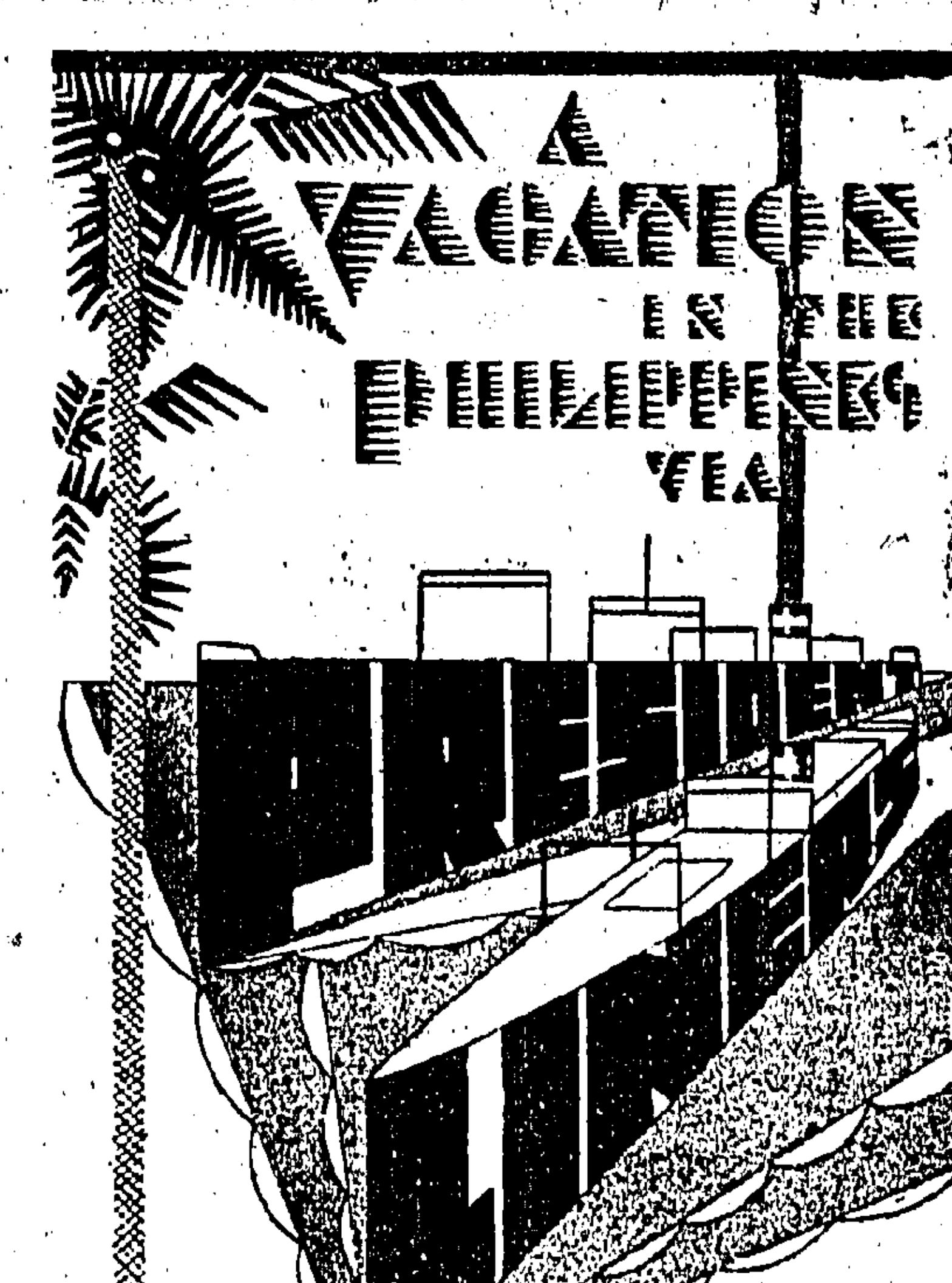
## NIGHT CLUBS AT SEA.

The keel of the first of the four new vessels for the Grace Line was laid several weeks ago, and now comes the news that Governor M. F. Larson, of New Jersey, drove the first rivet in the keel of the second liner at the Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company's yard at Kearny, U.S., amidst scenes of great enthusiasm, says the Journal of Commerce. At the first keel-laying ceremony only the shipworkers took part, officials of the Grace Line for the first time in the history of U.S. shipbuilding according the honour exclusively to the men whose labour for the next year or so will make its construction possible.

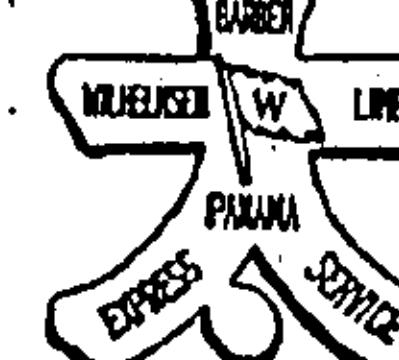
The four vessels will cost nearly four million pounds, are designed for the Panama mail service ports in the trade between New York, Central America, via the Panama Canal, Los Angeles and San Francisco, and are the only liners ever constructed in the United States having private baths with every stateroom. Construction plans call for unusual facilities to make tropical sailing comfortable for the voyagers, the dining-rooms being constructed two decks in height and located amidships.

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## CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

### SECOND CRICKET TRIAL.

Ex-Interpreter's Article Held Over.

Owing to the heavy pressure on our news space to-day Ex-Interpreter's special article to the *China Mail* has been held over until Wednesday's issue.

Below were the scores in the Second Interport Cricket Trial played at the H.K.C.C. on Saturday.

T. E. Pearce's XI.	
T. E. Pearce, c Pearce, b Owen Hughes	31
O. G. Simpson, c Duckitt, b Pearce	12
E. F. Fincher, c Pearce	11
G. R. Sayer, b Owen Hughes	10
O. B. Younger, b Williams	2
D. J. N. Anderson, c Williams, b Musson	39
Capt. Mirehouse, st. Davies, b Owen Hughes	24
J. H. G. Black, b Pearce	3
A. C. I. Bowker, c Davies, b Williams	2
A. C. Beck, c and b Williams	2
G. C. Burnett, not out	0
Extras (B22, LB1, NB1) ...	24
Total ..... 126	

FALL OF THE WICKETS.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
21	21	28	40	74	93	95	126	126		

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.			
Pearce	11	4	18
Owen Hughes	8	2	27
Williams	9	2	13
Musson	7.1	0	22
Reid	5	1	12
Hung	3	0	7
Duckitt	3	0	4

H. R. B. Hancock's XI.	5
E. C. Fincher, c Bowker, b Black Corp.	5
Davies, c Mirehouse, b Bowker	0
A. H. Musson, c Beck, b Mirehouse	53
E. R. Duckitt, c Younger, b Black	1
H. R. B. Hancock, c Mirehouse, b Black	1
Owen Hughes, c Anderson, b Mirehouse	4
Sig. Williams, lb.w., b Mirehouse	37
W. C. Hung, b Burnett	2
F. D. Pereira, not out	9
Extras (B39) ...	9

Total (for 8 wkts.)	120
R. H. Butler and A. Reid did not bat.	

FALL OF THE WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	39	41	46	107	117	118	120

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.			
Bowker	4	2	3
Mirehouse	10.1	2	36
Beck	5	1	12
Black	4	0	34
Burnett	6	0	26

### CRICKET.

Scoreboards on Saturday.

### LEAGUE II.

On the C.S.C.C. ground the R.E. & Royal Signals defeated the Civil Service Cricket Club second eleven by 127 runs.

Scores:—  
R.E. & S.C.: 198 for 6 dec. (Cpl. Mehan 95).  
C.S.C.C. II.: 71 (Cpl. Mehan 4 for 12).

At Pokfulam the South Wales Borderers defeated the University second eleven by 74 runs.

Scores:—  
Borderers: 184 for 9 dec. (2nd Lt. Creme Rend 65).  
University II.: 110 (H. Nomanthay 34, Lt. Humilton 3 for 24).

At Happy Valley the Club de Recreio defeated the Police Recreation Club by four wickets.

Scores:—  
Police R.C.: 179 for 5 dec. (P. Loughlin 47\*).  
Recreio: 183 for 7 (A. P. Gutierrez 60\*).

### FRIENDLY.

At King's Park the Royal Navy defeated the Civil Service Cricket Club by five wickets.

Scores:—  
C.S.C.C.: 87 (Sto. Dowling 7 for 25).  
Navy: 123 for 9.

The Indian Recreation Club drew with the Craigengower Cricket Club.

Scores:—  
C.C.C.: 142 (E. Zimmern 50).  
I.R.C.: 104 for 8 (A. H. Rumjahn 36, S. V. Gittins 5 for 33).

The Craigengower second eleven

### VOLUNTEERS BEAT NAVY.

First Victory Very Decisive.

### REID'S FINE BOWLING.

At King's Park yesterday the Volunteers registered their first victory of the season when they, hopelessly outplayed the Royal Navy by winning by 74 runs.

Batting first the Volunteers scored rapidly when Griffiths was at the crease. Scoring 37 out of 60 Griffiths played a very bright and enterprising innings scoring all round the wicket. Mackay's under-achieved innings by 64 was the result of a very patient and chancelless innings. He was decided slow at first but later brightened up his play. Stoker Dowling, who had met with great success with the ball on the same ground the day before, proved ineffective yesterday.

Reid bowled extraordinarily well for his very fine analysis of 5 wickets for 18 runs, and looks as if he is regaining some of that old form which for a while he had lost.

### Scores:—

#### Volunteers.

O. M. R. W.	
J. E. Richardson, b Dowling	3
N. A. E. Mackay, not out	64
R. H. Griffiths, b Bayley	37
A. Reid, c Tanner, b Dowling	28
R. R. Davies, not out	9
Extras ..... 27	

Total (for 3 wkts.) ... 168

O. M. R. W.	
R. Stillard, L. D. Kibbee	2
W. H. B. Rigg, A. C. Beck, G. C. Burnett, and B. L. Stock did not bat.	0

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.			
Dowling ..... 12	2	40	2
Dixon ..... 10	0	56	0
Bayley ..... 4	0	28	1
Heslop ..... 3	0	17	0

Royal Navy.

O. M. R. W.	
Ldg. Tel. Dixon, c Richardson, b Reid	0
Lt. Duane, b Reid	0
Lt.-Comdr. Skyrme, c Stock, b Rigg	18
Mid. Heslop, b Richardson	6
Lt.-Comdr. Squance, c Stock, b Reid	34
Pay-Lieut. Finlay, c and b Richardson	3
Mid. Tanner, run out	1
Comdr. Bayley, c and b Beck	0
Sto. Dowling, b Reid	14
Mid. Humphreys, b Reid	0
Mid. Mathers, not out	0
Extras ..... 18	

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KOWLOON SURPRISE  
THE NAVY.Recreio Hold Club  
to a Draw.

## POLICE WIN A POINT.

Good football was witnessed in the games on the mainland on Saturday. In the premier division Kowloon played a sparkling game to overcome the Navy by the odd goal in three. At Chatham Road the Police performed exceedingly well to hold the Argylls to a draw. A similar result was the outcome of the Recreio-Club encounter, the latter being unfortunate in losing a man through injury within the first few minutes of the game.

In Division II, the Navy overwhelmed the Borderers, last year's champions, by four goals to one. The Argylls proved too good for the Battery team at Chatham Road and the Kowloon second string, after a shaky start, emerged victors from their match with the Ordnance, last year's champions in the Third Division, by three goals to one.

In the junior league the Recreio scored their second victory of the season in a decisive manner. Tall scoring featured the other game in this division at Happy Valley where the Royal Engineers defeated the Radio Sports Club by six goals to four.

## RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

Division I.	
St. Joseph's	0
Argylls	1
Navy	1
Recreio	0
Division II.	
University	1
Borderers	4
Argylls	1
Kowloon	3
Division III.	
Recreio	3
Radio	4
GOAL SCORERS.	
Division I.	
Davis (Borderers)	2
Duncan (Borderers)	1
Lakeman (Borderers)	
Timberlake (Kowloon)	
Hedley (Kowloon)	
Dickenson (Navy)	
Mont (Police)	
MacTavish (Argylls)	1
Division II.	
Langmead (Navy)	3
Brown (Kowloon)	2
Reid (Club)	2
King (Argylls)	2
Birkland (Kowloon)	
Samson (R.A.O.C.)	
Alexander (Argylls)	
Pearson (R.A. Penalty)	
Lowden (Navy)	
Morris (Borderers)	
Canfield (University)	
Smith (Club)	
Division III.	
Sloan (R.E.)	3
Morgan (R.E.)	2
Elms (Radio)	2
F. Santos (Recreio)	2
Groves (Navy)	1
Tavares (Radio)	1
Sousa (Radio)	1
Parsons (Borderers)	1
Gutierrez (Recreio)	1

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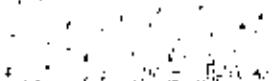
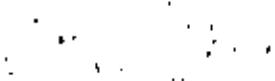
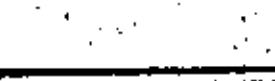
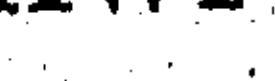
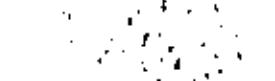
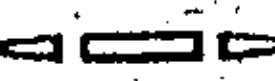
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## M. BRIAND IS ALMOST OPTIMISTIC.

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The American Note, it is understood, was sent, or is being sent, from Washington.

### Unfortunate Reaction in Japan.

Tokyo, Saturday. The League's decision to invite American participation in the Council has resulted, as anticipated, in a most unfortunate reaction in Japan and widespread denunciation of what is considered an attempt at unjustifiable coercion.

Not only the Army, but the leaders of the Upper House political parties and the vernacular newspapers are unanimous in criticising the League's action and urging the Government to remain firm in carrying out its declared policy.

Some influential sections are even advocating secession from the League, if necessary, rather than accept dictation in a question so vitally concerning Japan's very existence.

### Painful Impression.

Geneva, Saturday. All the members of the Council except the Chinese and Japanese assembled in private conclave in Sir Eric Drummond's room, including Mr. Prentiss Gilbert.

A telegram from Tokyo reporting the possibility of Japan's secession from the League produced a painful impression, but it was hoped that nothing would be done to complicate the situation, which was already a most difficult one.

Sigmar Grandi leaves for Italy to-night in view of his forthcoming visit to Berlin on October 21, being replaced by Sigmar Scialoja.

### A Crucial Stage.

The conflict is now entering a crucial stage and is the question of coming down to business.

There is a strong feeling that the Japanese troops will have to withdraw to their original positions in the railway zone in order to facilitate direct Sino-Japanese negotiations for settlement.

Should Japan still fear that a withdrawal may expose Japanese and Korean nationals to danger the Council may suggest the appointment of observers on the spot, the moral effect of which might restrain the Chinese from committing acts of violence.

A public meeting of the Council will probably be held this afternoon if any tangible progress is made this morning.

### Pledged to Secrecy.

The private deliberations of the Council lasted an hour and a half and will be continued at 6 p.m.

Members are pledged to secrecy for the time being, so practically nothing transpired. Nevertheless, it is learned that the conversations are proceeding satisfactorily though no solution has yet been reached. One member said: "Things are going as well as can be expected."

### Japan Contests Invitation to America.

Tokyo, Saturday. The Government has sent fresh instructions to Mr. Yoshiwara concerning the legality of the League's decision to invite American participation.

It points out that the American observer is allowed to speak only on matters involving the

## THE OCTOBER ASSIZES.

(Continued from Page 1.)

her neck and some on her back. The accused appeared to have been hired by some one to do this, but the Police have been unable to discover the instigator. It was a bad case and such acts required stopping.

Addressing the accused, His Lordship said: "This is a very serious offence. Have you anything to say why heavy punishment should not be passed on you?"

Prisoner: "I have nothing to say."

He was sentenced to four years' hard labour.

### Robbery With Violence.

Next, Chan Yau and Tsang Shulam were charged with robbing one Lam Hang-fong of a quantity of jewellery at Mongkok on August 10; and Chung Wah-yeung with receiving a platinum wrist watch, knowing it to have been stolen. They all pleaded "guilty."

According to Mr. Fitzroy, four men entered a house in Argyll Street on June 8, gagged a woman inmate, and took an amount of property. The two men, Chan and Tsang, were arrested, and later Chung was taken into custody. On him was found a pawn ticket relating to one of the stolen articles, which was the only thing recovered.

Before passing sentence, His Lordship proceeded with another similar charge against Tsang Shulam, who admitted stealing a quantity of jewellery from one Chan Yuen-yue at Mongkoktsui on June 8.

Mr. Fitzroy said that this was a very similar case, and \$2,000 worth of jewellery was stolen from a house on August 10. The prisoner took the Police to the place where he had pawned one of the stolen rings and it was recovered.

Having ascertained that the persons robbed in each case were women and that they had been subjected to a certain amount of violence, his Lordship sentenced Tsang to three years' hard labour for the part he took in the June affair. With regard to the August affair, Chan was given three years' hard labour for robbery, and Chung 12 months for receiving stolen property.

Addressing Tsang with regard to the August robbery, his Lordship (Continued at foot of next column.)

Pact of Paris, and if it thought the situation requires the invocation of the Pact, why are not all the signatories invited?

Possibility of Japan's withdrawal from the League is reported to be greater than the likelihood of her unconditional withdrawal of troops to the railway zone.

Official circles hope, however, that a way will be found to save every one's face without resort to drastic measures.

While the League talks about its existence being imperilled if it fails to act, Japan feels that her own existence is imperilled if the League insists on intervention to settle merely the present dispute.

Japan, it is stated, wants a fundamental settlement, and considers that such a settlement is only possible by direct negotiations with China.—Rector.

## GOVERNMENT HOUSE INVESTITURE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

O.B.E., H.K.V.D.C.; Right Supporter—Lt. Col. L. G. Bird, O.B.E.; Left Supporter Lt. Col. T. A. Robertson, O.B.E. (2) Sergeant Major R. J. Everest, M.B.E., H.K.V.D.C.; Right Supporter—Mr. G. P. de Marlin, M.B.E.; Left Supporter—Major C. H. Manners, O.B.E.

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(4) Hon. Dr. W. B. A. Moore and T. K. Chak, Esq.; Right Supporter—Mr. Ho Kam-tong, O.B.E.; Left Supporter Mr. A. Morris.

Seats were reserved in the front row of the dais for the first three processions.

After the last investiture, His Excellency, preceded by the three Aides-de-Camp, left the hall-room. Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E.

Major Dowbiggin has been associated with the Volunteer Defence Corps for many years. He has always taken keen interest in the welfare of the men, in general organisation and sporting activities.

Last year, he was acting Commandant a post which he filled capably. Of a most genial disposition, he is popular in all spheres of the Colony's life and has been prominently identified with numerous local organisations. He has been a Justice of the Peace since 1920, is a member of the Court of the University. He is also a member of the Board of Education and the Licensing Board. He is a keen horticulturist, and also takes deep interest in sport and has for many years been Honorary A.D.C. to successive Governors.

Major Dowbiggin was formerly in the service of the Mercantile Bank of India, and is now a member of the firm of Stewart Bros., bullion brokers.

Sgt. Major R. J. Everest, M.B.E.

Mr. Everest has a fine record of service in the Volunteer Defence Corps. In 1919, he was mentioned in a War Office notice for valuable services rendered with the Corps, and at the recent annual inspection he was awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces and Long Service Medal. He is Company Sergeant Major (Engineers Company) and is recognised as a most efficient officer.

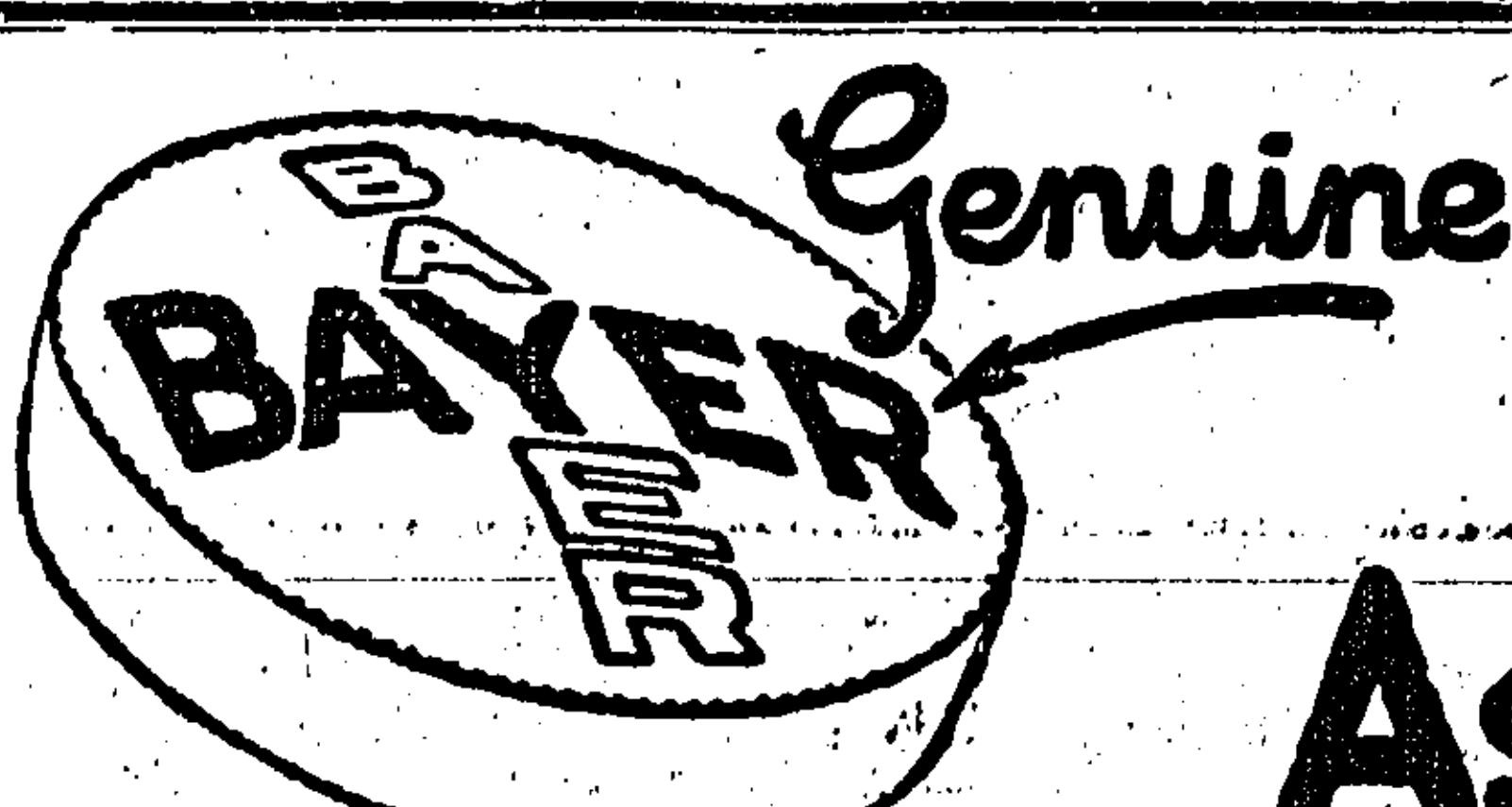
Mr. Everest joined the P.W.D. as 2nd Class Overseer in 1909 and 1st Class rank in 1916. He has been Inspector of Works since 1926 and has shown himself a most conscientious and able servant of the Government.

Dr. Moore and Mr. T. K. Chak.

Dr. W. A. B. Moore, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.M. (Rot. Dub.), J.P. and Mr. T. K. Chak, have long been associated with the St. John Ambulance Association and have well merited the honour which has been conferred upon them.

months, he would be sentenced to 5 years and 15 strokes, the five years said that as that was the second robbery he had taken part in three to run consecutively with the three-year term for the earlier robbery.

The Assizes were then adjourned until to-morrow morning, when the two cases remaining on the calendar will be dealt with by the Chief Justice.



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